

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Soviet leadership

a. We think we may have the first evidence that Khrushchev has reasserted his authority within the hierarchy.

b. Frol Kozlov was not among the leaders who turned out Monday for the public observance of Lenin's birthday. The Byzantine protocol of the Soviet party virtually requires that Kozlov, as the second man behind Khrushchev in party ranking, should have been front and center at a ceremony honoring the party's most revered symbol.

c. Kozlov has not been seen in public in Moscow since 10 April. This would not be unusual were it not for the fact that Khrushchev was on holiday during much of that time, meaning that Kozlov ought to have been more rather than less conspicuous.

d. It should also be noted that 11 April was the day that Pravda published the revised May Day slogan including Yugoslavia among the "builders of socialism."

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e. There may be some other explanation for Kozlov's absence-- pressing business elsewhere or illness (he has already had one serious heart attack). [REDACTED]

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2. Laos

We have received no further significant information on the situation in Laos.

3. Cuba

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b. Havana is expecting a big influx of foreign delegates for its May Day celebrations. A Chinese Communist contingent has already arrived by way of Moscow. Other foreign guests also have been invited to stay on for as much as three weeks at Cuban expense.

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proximately 300 passengers on the deck of the Soviet ship Maria Ulyanova which sailed from Havana last Saturday.

d. Yesterday's photography revealed no significant change at the Soviet military sites. Picture quality was good at three of the installations, poor at the other two.

4. Cuban

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5. Haiti

a. The Duvalier regime has begun a month-long celebration of its anniversary in office on an inflammatory anti-US note.

b. The opening speech detailed charges of US racism and "aggressiveness" toward Haiti.

c. The US Embassy in Port-au-Prince fears government-provoked violence and has warned that American citizens in Haiti may need to be protected.

NOTES

- A. UK-USSR Negotiations between the USSR and a British manufacturer for a sizeable quantity of large-diameter pipe are going forward. Conclusion of the contract would generate new pressures on other Free World countries to deal with Moscow. A French foreign ministry official has already indicated that, if the British-Soviet contract is concluded, his government will no longer feel bound by the NATO prohibition.
- B. Jordan More student demonstrations in Amman yesterday were quickly broken up when police opened fire on the crowd. Tension in the capital remains high but there have been no reports of disorders in other areas.
- C. Somali Republic-USSR The Somali government has approved Moscow's request for flight rights into Mogadiscio, thus adding a leg to the Soviet air route into the Sudan.
- D. Bolivia President Paz has officially postponed his US visit in order to keep an eye on Vice President Lechin and to deny him the opportunity to cause mischief during Paz' absence.
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